

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic YUKON PUBLIC LIBRARY

and/or common Old Public Library

2. Location

street & number 512 Elm Street N/A not for publication

city, town Yukon vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Canadian code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Storage

4. Owner of Property

name City of Yukon

street & number 532 West Main Street Box A

city, town Yukon N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma 73099

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Canadian County Courthouse

city, town El Reno state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This building, constructed in 1927 at a cost of \$4,500.00, is a rectangular brick structure measuring eighteen by thirty-four feet, having a hip roof set between projecting end gables. The original wooden shingle roof is now covered with composition shingles. Flanked by matching pairs of double hung, wooden sash windows, the main doorway is recessed into a eave high, arched entryway. "Public Library" is inscribed into the entablature above the entryway.

In 1956 a flatroofed addition of nineteen by twenty-four and one-half feet was made to the back of the building. It is of matching materials and is not apparent from the street view. The building is presently being used for a maintenance and storage building by the city of Yukon. The building is in good repair. The alterations have not adversely affected the structure's integrity.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1927-1979      **Builder/Architect** Architect: Sorey and Vahlberg  
 Builder: F. H. Fash

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Yukon Public Library is historically significant because (1) it was a completely privately supported effort to provide a public educational facility and (2) it served as the center for cultural events for the developing city of Yukon.

Starting in 1905 with twenty-six books, the Yukon Ladies Library Club organized the first public library for that town. Continuing these private efforts, this club was able in 1927 to construct the nominated building with a design by Sorey and Vahlberg, an architectural firm from Oklahoma City. The private organization continued operation of the facility until 1979 when this responsibility was transferred to the city of Yukon.

The library served as a center for social and cultural activities as well as a public education facility in Yukon as the city grew. The importance of the contribution of the library and its support group has been recognized with a new modern facility being named after the club's long time librarian. Though the building is no longer used as a library, its connection with the history and development of the city of Yukon warrants its consideration.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

"History of the Yukon Library," by Sara Nee Ball - a series of articles in The Yukon Review, October and November 1979.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Richland, OK

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 

1	4	6	1	3	3	0	0	3	9	2	9	7	4	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 11-12, Block 83, Lake Addition, Town of Yukon

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent Ruth

organization Oklahoma Historical Society

date May 1983

street & number Historical Building

telephone 405/884-5456

city or town Oklahoma City

state Oklahoma

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*C. M. Metcalf* 12/15/83

title

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

2/2/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration